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16	ELIAS FLORES, ALICE FLORES, and CYNTHIA FLORES,	Case No. 1:24-cv-00073-KES-SKO
17	Plaintiffs,	ORDER RE STIPULATION TO ELECT REFERRAL OF ACTION TO
18	ŕ	VOLUNTARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION
19	VS.	PROGRAM PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 271
20	MILL CREEK MANAGEMENT AND REAL ESTATE SALES, INC., and NASH	
21	ROCK SOLID, LLC,	(Doc 28)
22	Defendants.	
23	In light of the "Stipulation of the Parties to Elect Referral of Action to Voluntary Disput	
24	Resolution Program (VDRP) Pursuant to Local Rule 271" (Doc. 28), the parties are hereby referred	
25	to the VDRP.	
26	Pursuant to Local Rule 271(i)(2), the parties also stipulated to a modification of the	
27	Scheduling Order (Doc. 14) to stay depositions and continue the discovery and motion deadlines	
28	(Id.) The stipulation indicates that "[t]he parties do not wish for [the dates for the Pre-Tria	
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ORDER RE STIPULATION TO ELECT REFERRAL OF ACTION TO VOLUNTARY DISPUTE RESOLUTION

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Conference and Trial] to be rescheduled." (*Id.* at 2.) The parties are advised, however, that the Court requires at least 16 weeks between the hearing on dispositive motions and the pretrial conference; the stipulation, if granted, would only allow for 3 weeks (and 5 days).

Accordingly, the stipulation is GRANTED as to the parties' request to referral to VDRP and

DENIED without prejudice as to their proposed modification of the Scheduling Order (Doc. 28.)

The parties are ordered as follows:

- 1. This action is hereby referred to the VRDP;
- 2. The Parties must complete the VDRP session by January 31, 2025;
- 3. The Neutral must file the confirmation of the completion of the VDRP process by February 7, 2025; and
- 4. Any renewed stipulation seeking modification of the Scheduling Order (Doc. 14) shall allow for at least 16 weeks between the hearing on dispositive motions and the pretrial conference; at least 8 weeks between the pretrial conference and trial; and no more than 90 days before trial to schedule a settlement conference with the undersigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **November 22, 2024** 

<u>/s/ Sheila K. Oberto</u> UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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